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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am very concerned with the upcoming challenge from ATT to remove access to broadband by competitors like Sonic in California. I was paying outrageously high rates to ATT, more than a retired senior like myself could afford. Thanks to the competitive market, I was able to get superiour, faster service for phone and internet with Sonic. I would never want to be forced to go to ATT again. Yet I live in a rural area, where if Sonic doesn't operate, I'd not be able to run my business, which is literature for children by reviewing books on my website.

There are so many reasons why the competition with ATT is essential. Please be sure all your actions allow small broadband companies like Sonic to operate and serve those of us in smaller areas who are running our businesses from our home. Thank you.

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